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1. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF OF THE SCIENCE DIVISION IS
PRESENTLY GRAPPLING WITH THE PROBLEM OF HOW BEST TO FOLLOW-
UP ON THE IDEAS AND PROPOSALS THAT ARE LIKELY TO EMERGE
FROM THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORA-
TION CONFERENCE, APRIL 11-13. IN OUR VIEW THE FOLLOWING
SEQUENCE OF FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES IS MOST LIKELY:

--APRIL 13 - SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETS FOR A PRELIMINARY
-- -- ASSESSMENT OF THE CONFERENCE (REF A)

--EARLY MAY - BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL SCIENCE
-- -- COMMITTEE MEETING, THE SCIENCE DIVISION WILL
-- -- PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUN-
-- -- CIL ON THE HIGH-LIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE.
-- -- RECOMMENDATIONS MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE
-- -- REPORT (E.G. ONE RECOMMENDATION MIGHT BE THAT

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-- -- A HIGH-LEVEL GROUP BE ESTABLISHED TO REVIEW
-- -- THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE AND TO DRAFT
-- -- SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE NATO SCIENTIFIC
-- -- ACTIVITIES.

--MAY 30-31-- WE UNDERSTAND FROM SCIENTIFIC DIVISION
-- -- INTERNATIONAL STAFF THAT ASYG OZDAS HAS

-- -- OBTAINED SYG LUNS AGREEMENT TO MENTION THE
-- -- ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE IN HIS OPENING REMARKS
-- -- AT THE SUMMIT MEETING.
--FALL '78-- SPECIFIC FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATO
-- -- SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES COULD BE REFINED, CON-
-- -- sidered BY THE COMMITTEE, AND SENT FORWARD
-- -- TO NAC.

-- DEC '78-- NATO MINISTERIAL COULD BE ASKED TO APPROVE
-- -- RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. DURING THE SPECIAL APRIL 13 SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING,
THE REPRESENTATIVES WILL PROBABLY BE ASKED TO IDENTIFY MOST
IMPORTANT CONFERENCE THEMES THAT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO NAC.
ALSO, THE COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW PRINCIPAL PROPOSALS MADE
DURING CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO FORMULATE POSSIBLE RECOMMEN-
DATIONS FOR NAC CONSIDERATION. SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS MIGHT
FOCUS ON FUTURE PRIORITIES AND CONTENT OF THE NATO SCIENCE
PROGRAM.

3. WHILE IT IS NOT PRESENTLY POSSIBLE TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT
WILL EMERGE FROM THE CONFERENCE WE BELIEVE THAT THE U.S.
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE PREPARED
TO ELABORATE AT THE APRIL 13 MEETING ON ANY INITIATIVES
THAT DR. PRESS MIGHT SUGGEST IN HIS STATEMENT AT THE 20TH
ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE (REFS B & C).

4. MISSION WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ADVANCE NOTICE, IF
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POSSIBLE, OF SUGGESTIONS THAT DR. PRESS MIGHT MAKE AT
CONFERENCE. BENNETT

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